

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion, and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge aligned within a predetermined margin with respect to said radially outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel so that said peripheral lip of said overlay substantially covers [at least a portion of] said flange lip of said wheel but does not extend [therebeyond] beyond said outermost edge of said flange lip of said wheel, so as to give a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

6. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 4, wherein said adhesive is [a double-sided] an adhesive means [tape].

14. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 13, wherein said overlay peripheral flange is adapted [shaped] to accommodate complete attachment of an industry standard balance weight thereto, without having to attach said industry standard balance weight to said wheel rim flange.

15. (Amended) A wheel and overlay assembly, comprising:

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon, said radially outermost edge defining an outer diameter; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge defining a diameter, said diameter of said overlay being substantially equal to but not greater than said outer diameter of said wheel, whereby said peripheral lip of said overlay substantially covers [at least a portion of] said flange lip of said wheel so as to give a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

20. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 18, wherein said adhesive is [a double-sided] an adhesive [tape] means.

28. (Amended) The wheel and overlay assembly of Claim 27, wherein said overlay peripheral flange is [shaped] adapted to accommodate complete attachment of an industry standard balance weight thereto, without having to attach said industry standard balance weight to said wheel rim flange.

In the Drawings

Pending approval of the Examiner et al., Applicant's agent would like to